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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
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Military Service - LEE HARVEY OSWALD

RONALD A. SCHWINGHAMMER - Informant

RONALD A. SCHWINGHAMMER, Route 1, Albany, Minnesota, advised SA's MARVIN L. SHAY and GEORGE C. BURTON on 11/26/63, that in 1960, he was assigned to the U. S. Marine Air Control Squadron Number 1, stationed at Atsugi, Japan. Shortly before he arrived at that station, LEE OSWALD, who had been assigned to the same Squadron, had been sent home. SCHWINGHAMMER said that OSWALD had a reputation for being an oddball, a radical, and there was a lot of talk about him even after he left. One member of the Squadron who was there when OSWALD was there was a professional writer named RICK THORNLEY. SCHWINGHAMMER says that he did not know OSWALD but knows that THORNLEY took copious notes about goings on in the Squadron for the purpose of having material for later writing. SCHWINGHAMMER believes that many of OSWALD's actions, statements, etc., would have been recorded by THORNLEY. He said that THORNLEY later

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wrote a book called "The Idle Warrior" which he tried to have published and which was about the personnel of MACS Number 1.

SCHWINGHAMMER said that he believes THORNLEY lives in New Orleans and since he knew OSWALD, he thought the possibility existed that they could have gotten together subsequent to their military discharge. He did not know THORNLEY's address but furnished the following possible sources of this information:

1. Reserve records at the Marine Record Center, Glenview Naval Air Station, Chicago, Illinois

2. BUD SIMCOE, employed by the Retail Credit Company, Santa Anna or Fullerton, California

It is not known to the Minneapolis Office if THORNLEY has been previously interviewed or if the Office of Origin is interested in the results of such an interview. Accordingly, copies of this airtel are being furnished to the Chicago, Los Angeles, and New Orleans Offices for the convenience of the Office of Origin should the location and interview of THORNLEY be desired. Chicago, Los Angeles, and New Orleans should take no action on the basis of this communication unless requested to do so by Dallas.